

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;  
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;  
Mark Acton;  
Ruth Y. Goldway; and  
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices  
Bilateral Agreement Between United States Postal Service  
and Royal Mail Group, Ltd. (CP2015-1)  
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2015-1

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued September 24, 2015)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire September 30, 2015.<sup>1</sup> On September 23, 2015, the Postal Service filed a motion for temporary relief seeking to extend the expiration date of the Existing Agreement.<sup>2</sup>

The Postal Service states that it has sent a modification to the foreign postal operator to extend the current agreement, but that the modification has not yet been signed. Motion at 1. The Postal Service also states that it plans to file the modification

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<sup>1</sup> Order No. 2225, Order Adding Negotiated Service Agreement with Royal Mail Group, Ltd. to the Competitive Product List, October 24, 2014, at 7.

<sup>2</sup> United States Postal Service Motion for Temporary Relief Concerning a Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with a Foreign Postal Operator, September 23, 2015 (Motion).

and any successor agreement with the Commission as soon as possible. *Id.* at 2. In the meantime, however, and to avoid a possible interruption to the foreign postal operator's access to negotiated rates with the Postal Service, the Postal Service requests that the Commission grant an extension to allow the Existing Agreement to remain in effect until November 15, 2015. *Id.* at 1.

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is modified to continue through November 15, 2015, or until a successor agreement is approved by the Commission, whichever occurs first. Temporary relief is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed September 23, 2015, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement will expire on November 15, 2015, or until a successor agreement is approved by the Commission, whichever occurs first.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary